

LUNENBURG

Frozen Body of Frank Pond Found in the Field Monday—Winners in Spelling.

(Mrs. F. F. Balch, Correspondent.) Monday afternoon the body of Frank Pond was found frozen in the fields about three miles outside of the village. It was brought to the undertaking rooms here and his brother William Pond took charge of the body. An inquest to learn the cause of death will be held and Dr. B. H. Stone of Burlington will come to hold an autopsy. It is thought Mr. Pond perished while under the influence of liquor. He was last seen a week ago Saturday when he left Cottage Hotel after staying over night and said he would be back for dinner. His grip that he left is still there. Mr. Pond was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and son who live in New York state. Besides his brother, William, he leaves a sister, Mrs. Allen Nichols in this town. Arrangements for burial cannot be made until after the inquest.

The spelling contest and entertainment given by the village schools last Friday evening, were very successful. In the first division, grades 1 and 3, Dorothy Brown was the winner. In the second, grades 4 and 6, Eunice Colby of Pond Hill stood the longest while Emma Cole carried off the honors of the third division. After the spelling, two songs by the school, recitation by Charlie Hartwell, song by Truman Curtis and dialogue by Amanda Bean and Harold Turner, were given. Following this program the shadows of the ladies, owing boxes were thrown on a screen and sold to the highest bidder, making much fun when the ladies claimed the boxes. A short promenade followed.

Miss Effie Cole entered Brightlook Hospital last week and was operated upon on Tuesday. At last reports, she was making good recovery.

Mrs. Sarah Simonds has gone to Homer Stuart's to remain while Mrs. Stuart is in the Lancaster hospital.

Ernest Silsby attended the basketball game in Lancaster Friday evening.

Master Kenneth Turner went to St. Johnsbury to visit relatives on Saturday.

Mrs. Betsey Warren is quite ill at the Heights House with Dr. Wiggin of Whitefield in attendance.

Miss Angie Smith of South Lunenburg visited her sister, Mrs. Ingersoll in Lancaster, on Saturday. Mrs. Ingersoll returned with her for the week end.

The ladies of Howard W. R. C. served a dinner in the dining room of the Town Hall on Friday, Lincoln's birthday. The members of Howard Post were invited to be their guests but on account of bad walking and ill health, only two accepted the invitation.

Mrs. Cora Gee was in St. Johnsbury last Friday.

Mrs. Homer Stanton of North Danville has been spending several days at South Lunenburg with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bell.

Miss L. C. Breittling went to Rum-

ney, N. H., last week to spend a few days with her cousins, the Silsby brothers and families. Miss Anna Goss has completed her work at Proctor Hospital and returned to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Goss.

Miss Marion Wesson of Lancaster is helping Mrs. Charles Spaulding during her convalescence from an operation.

Roland Jewell spent the week end with his parents in Concord.

Miss Dora Wilson went to Rutland on Saturday taking her little niece, Jean, to see a specialist for infantile paralysis. They will visit in Middlebury and Burlington before their return.

SUTTON

(H. A. Blake, Correspondent.) Sutton's Free Public Library has an interesting line of magazines to be found on the library table for the benefit of the patrons. The Oread Club has also magazines in the library which may be read by those who wish. The library will soon have quite an addition of new books.

Miss Lilla Craig has gone to Lyndonville to work in the family of Ralph Chapman.

Mrs. Fred Harvey and oldest daughter of Glens Falls, N. Y., who came to Lyndonville with the remains of Mr. Harvey, visited her sister, Mrs. L. W. Gordon, a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Sleeper from Newark visited Sutton Grange Saturday evening. Mr. Sleeper is the deputy for Willoughby Valley Pomona Grange District.

C. Mrs. L. W. Gordon, a few days last week.

A. H. Ball, who boards at Corydon Parker's, suffered a slight shock recently. His sons, Henry, of Lebanon, N. H., and Frank of St. Johnsbury have been called here in consequence of it.

The C. E. service will be with John Dean next Friday evening. Leader, Avery Curtis.

There was a fair attendance at the Aid Hall last Friday evening at the sugar social and a fair sum was added to the funds of the Aid Society.

BARNET CENTER

The children of the Barnet Center and Four Corner schools had a "spelling school" at the Center school house Thursday evening, Feb. 4. The program was as follows:

Song, "All For Baby," Four Corner's primary; "The Old Tyme Spelling Bee," Florence Aiken; "Getting Ready for School," Glen White; "The Roadside Schoolhouse," Mildred Goss; "The Pride of Battery B," Elizabeth Nutter; "Little Miss Tardy Girl," Gladys Somers; song, "Slumber Boat," Center Primary. In the first section, Florence Aiken spelled down with Brock Somers, Mildred Goss, Eula Golden and Blanche Wilkie next in order. In the second section, May White and Waldo Aiken stood longest, both going down on the same word with Harold Aiken, Ruby Blain and Dean Goss next in order.

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PRESS COMMENT

Congressman's Greene's Notable Speech.

The feasibility of the taking over of the National Guard by the federal government was brought squarely before the House on Jan. 21 by Representative F. L. Greene, Republican, of Vermont, who made altogether one of the best speeches of that day of oratory on the subject of national defense. Speaking as a former national guardsman of 12 years' experience, he said that the progress in the present organized militia has practically reached a point where further advance is nearly impossible, and that the states should consent to turn over to the federal government the control of the National Guard. He believed it impracticable for the government ever to summon and compel the attendance at the colors of any considerable number of men who at one time may have served an enlistment in the regular army. The country is too large, he asserted, and the American habits of travel and sojourning are too free to make it possible to keep "thousands of men chained to the demands of a card-system reserve in Washington." By the states giving up their local state soldiers, in such a system, there would at once be a nationalizing of the entire force that is now divided into 48 units under different systems of training. The states would be giving up a constitutional prerogative, it is true, but that prerogative is today of doubtful value. In such a system of a nationalized militia, the men who had served their terms would remain in the very place where they were recruited. Such a National Guard would be territorialized and "the element of local pride in the traditions and history of a local militia organization is a factor in discipline and morale superior to all laws and higher than all officers." Mr. Greene asserted that far better results could be obtained under the supreme control of the national government from the \$6,000,000 spent annually by the states in the \$7,500,000 contributed by the federal government for the support of the present unsatisfactory organized militia. He did not wish to be understood as reflecting upon the personnel of the National Guard, as the defects he saw he admitted are due to the faulty system which seeks to make a National Guard out of a force that the law keeps a strictly local and state guard.—Army and Navy Journal.

Better Things in 1915.

Mme. Thebes, who predicted that 1914 would be a year of disaster for the world, now comes forward with her predictions for 1915, and they are a pleasant assortment. Here are the chief facts she predicts: The year will be auspicious; there will be a renaissance of nations and a liberation of peoples; Europe will be finally pacified; order will come out of disorder; Italy is destined to unsheathe the sword and will play an important role in the war; Germany will survive after a fashion but the house of Hohenzollern is doomed; the Crown Prince will never be Kaiser; Austria is doomed and the scandals of Francis Joseph's private life will become public; Belgium has not entirely emerged from her trials but her future will be magnificent; England has saved herself and will continue to wield supreme power; Russia will go forward and Poland will be free; Turkey will disappear from Europe and the Balkan states will not gain thereby in the long run. While the world in general shrugs its shoulders at soothsayers and the like, we all have a secret feeling that there may be a hidden possibility of truth and the reading of the future seems to be coming true to any extent, the world will wonder; if they don't hit the mark, we will have forgotten her.—United Opinion.

Don't Regulate Too Much.

Senator Powell's bill making it compulsory to have all communications printed in newspapers has the name of the writer signed to the article has real merit. This caution has caused many newspaper publishers no end of trouble. This paper would like to see Mr. Powell's bill become a law.—Waterbury Record.

It looks to us as though a person with sense enough to run a newspaper is capable of regulating the matter of communications, as far as his own paper is concerned, and should be allowed to use his own judgment in the matter. All editors require the names of the contributors of articles or communications before printing them, reserving the right to withhold any article from publication that in their judgment it is not advisable to publish. In our opinion the law in question would infringe on an editor's personal rights. Do not all our leading magazines and periodicals use any amount of articles from which, for various reasons, their authors' name are withheld? Then why should the Vermont legislature undertake to dictate what an editor shall or shall not print in his paper so long as he publishes a clean sheet?—Hardwick Gazette.

Carnegie's Wealth Problem.

Andrew Carnegie has given away about \$240,000,000 according to his testimony before the federal commission on industrial relations. He still has a fortune estimated at about \$325,000,000 and, despite his princely benefactions, he cannot keep his head above water—his fortune is gaining on him. His ambition to die a poor man will never be realized literally. The task of the fictitious Brewster who had to spend a million a year and who made such a terrible row about it was the merest child-play compared with the iron-master's self-imposed penance. He has been giving away money at the rate of \$20,000,000 a year for more than a decade and still it piles up faster than he can get rid of it.

Carnegie's testimony before the investigators brought out in a very interesting way the manner in which he was launched on the road to fortune. While superintendent of the Pennsylvania railroad, he saw a wooden bridge burn up and tie up a whole line for eight days. He made up his mind then that there was a future in steel bridges. The chance to form a little company came along, and he and two others organized a steel company with a capital of \$7500, Carnegie's share being borrowed from a Pittsburgh bank. From this small beginning grew the Edgar Thompson Steel works, the Homestead works, the Duquesne works, the blast furnaces and locomotive works at Allegheny, the Carnegie gas wells in West Virginia and the great ore fields bought from Rockefeller.—Rutland News.

State Should Accept.

The Banner believes that the state should accept Mr. Vail's offer of the Lyndon school and Speedwell farms for an agricultural school, knowing that it will entail some burden on the state but believing that it offers a genuine chance in the development of Vermont's greatest natural resource. It is essential if Vermont is to grow and prosper that the state take hold of its wealth of choice farm land and make it an active agency in adding to the business and income of the people. An industry that does not tap the wealth of the state is a waste of Vermont has failed in this respect. We do not want to see all Vermont boys remain in Vermont. It is creditable and honorable for the state to send out a fair proportion of her young people to carry the good name of Vermont to its neighbors, but we do not want to see too many of them go and they will not if we give them a working knowledge of the splendid field of wealth, happiness and prosperity that is available at home. Mr. Vail's gift should be accepted.—Bennington Banner.

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With the rejection by the house of representatives of a measure fixing a definite salary for members, the question naturally arises whether Vermont is going to continue in the position as the only state in the Union without either a definite legislative salary or a fixed time limit. To repeat: Every state in the Union except Vermont limits its legislative term.

The last session of the Vermont legislature lasted 119 days, during which time 845 bills were introduced, and the total cost of the session was \$195,879.98. Vermont's population is 355,955.

Here are four states for comparison, representatives of the New England, Southern, Western and Pacific coast states.

New Hampshire has a salary limit of \$200 a year, and the expense of its last biennial session, during which 800 bills were introduced, was \$149,413.07. Her population is 430,523. Texas has a time limit of 60 days. At the last biennial session 1,397 bills were introduced and the cost of the term was \$155,150.00. The population of Texas is 3,896,542.

Kansas has a time limit of 50 days. The last legislature received \$173 bills and cost the state \$85,447.20. The population of Kansas is 1,690,949.

Oregon's last biennial legislative session, limited to 40 days, received 971 bills and cost the state \$67,064.46. Oregon's population is 672,765.

Is there any reasonable answer to the question why Vermont needs from two to three times as many days, with an expenditure of from two to three times as much money to perform its legislative work, as states having several times the population and wealth?

Is there any substantial reason why Vermont should persist as the lone advocate of unlimited sessions which every other state in the Union has rejected in the interests of economy and efficiency?—Enosburg Standard.

Court Reform is Needed.

Gov. Gates has chosen three good men to investigate the necessity and wisdom of revising court procedure, with a view probably to preparing a cheaper and more direct route to justice. It is needed, as shown by a recent case in the eastern part of the state. During a freshet in March, 1913, a lot of logs which were being floated down White river, carried away a bridge at White River Junction. The town sued the company that owned the logs and after long-drawn-out litigation got a verdict of \$20,738. Then the company wanted to settle out of court, and the town finally accepted \$15,000, probably to get rid of the matter. The landmark, in reporting the case, says: "It is understood that the company like \$8,000 of the \$15,000 will be left after paying expenses of the suit." This is about as good an illustration of the modern system of getting "justice" as could be asked. The court decided that the town should have \$20,000, it really gets "something like \$8,000." Who gets the rest?—Vergennes Vermonter.

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PROTECT FAMILY LIFE

Bishop A. C. A. Hall Writes of Marriage, Divorce and Family Prayers.

Following are excerpts from the pastoral letter for Lent, issued by Bishop of A. C. A. Hall of the Episcopal diocese of Vermont:

Brethren: This year in my Lenten Letter I am going to press upon you some considerations concerning the dignity and the obligations of family life, which may well be taken for the subject of prayer and self-examination and humiliation during the penitential season.

First, let us clearly understand that the family is the real unit in human life. We are not intended to live as isolated individuals. Every one is born into a family; most of us form families of our own. Family life is the normal condition for men, women and children. The mutual affection and dependence, the "give and take" of a family not only conduces to comfort, but helps to build up and develop character. Where family duties and responsibilities are neglected, we cannot expect that men and women will be prepared faithfully to fulfill larger duties and service in church and state. God's first institution in the world is the family, the cradle alike of church and of state.

2. And marriage is the foundation of the family. The Christian law of marriage, which is the realization of God's original purpose, ever this may have been at times obscured, is clear: the life-long union of one man with one woman, to the exclusion of all others on either side. (Pray remember that definition and commit it to heart). This, of course, like every noble position in life, involves discipline as well as pleasure. It is "for the mutual society, help and comfort that the one ought to have of the other, both in prosperity and adversity." Marriage is not a mere contract between two parties during their mutual convenience; it is a state of life on which persons enter with lasting consequences and obligations. The appalling frequency of divorces (amounting in our state in 1912 and 1913 to one divorce for less than every eleven marriages) may be traced to many causes; not least, assuredly, to the lack of serious consideration with which its responsibilities are too often entered. Heavy marriage is one of the chief causes of frequent divorce. To check divorce we must teach true marriage. And this must be the duty not only of pastors but of parents (is this practically recognized by fathers and mothers?) and of all Christian men and women, in the reverent regard for marriage and their steadfast witness to its sacredness.

3. Marriage (I quote here from the English Prayer Book) is "ordained for the procreation of children, to be brought up in the fear and nurture of the Lord, and to the praise of His holy Name." The chief end of marriage cannot be ignored or defeated without most serious risks physical and social. To play tricks with so delicate an organism as the human body is full of peril. Selfishly, through love of ease and money, to defeat the natural consequences of marriage (apart from the restriction of blessing in the immediate family) is to imperil the continuance of a nation or people. The more highly civilized may sink before those of less education and culture. This result is being brought about in New England before our eyes.

By children being given, the responsibility rests with parents to care for and train (and that in the best ways) those whom they have brought into the world. Without disputing the wisdom of free secular education provided for all children by the state, one may have a fear that the lifting from parents of this responsibility tends unconsciously to lighten their sense of responsibility for training of other kinds—moral and religious—which the public schools cannot attempt to give, or only to a very slight extent.

Good example and influence at home, regular attendance at church, systematic religious instruction, all these are duties that belong to parents, which they are bound to provide and see to, if they would be prepared to answer the questions which the Heavenly Father will one day most certainly ask concerning their care of those to whom He has given life—with all its tremendous dignity and possibilities for good or for evil—through them.

5. Great stress is laid by some on the importance of reviving a more general observance of family prayers. Reverently conducted, the gathering of the whole family together, if possible, of the whole household for common devotion, is a valuable recognition of God in the family life. It must bring His blessing, and tend to hallow ordinary duties and relationships. Only I should very earnestly warn against family prayers being allowed to become a substitute for private personal prayer. It is the fear of this (and I am sure, groundless fear) which has hitherto kept me from laying stress on the observance. Nothing must be allowed to take the place of individual prayer, each person with his or her own needs and sins and aspirations bringing them before God in petition, confession, thanksgiving and resolve.

WELLS RIVER

Banquet at Close of C. E. Week—Gov. Gates At Board of Trade Meeting.

The C. E. banquet given as the closing event of the C. E. week was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Covers were laid for about 50 people. Rev. Donald Fraser acted as toast master. Those responding to the C. E. toasts were Rev. T. K. Ellsworth of Newbury, Mr. Harris, Raymond Farwell, Raymond Littlefield, Dr. Blood and Miss Randall. Miss Peake recited "The Soul of the Violin" in a pleasing manner and Miss Shepard and Mrs. D. G. Farwell gave two musical numbers.

The Connecticut Valley Board of Trade held its annual business meeting at Hale's Tavern Feb. 15th. Gov.

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Gates of Vermont was guest of honor. About 100 members were present.

The next missionary meeting, at which sewing will continue for the Belgians, will be held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Buck Thursday afternoon Feb. 18.

Mrs. Nelson Bailey has spent the past few days with her mother, Mrs. Rogers, in Paris, Me.

The Sunday school observed Lincoln's birthday with appropriate exercises and an offering for the work of education among the negroes in the south.

Mrs. Frank Bashore entertained a few ladies at the Tavern on Friday afternoon. Dainty refreshments were served, the decorations being in keeping with the St. Valentine season.

The Independent Telephone Company held its annual business meeting at Hale's Tavern, Feb. 9th and 10th, about 20 members being present.

Mrs. Kate D. Lee and daughter have moved into the apartment in the post office block formerly occupied by Capen Leon and family.

A daughter was born on Monday, Feb. 8, to Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Wilson. Miss Mary Hastings of Springfield, Mass., was a guest of Miss Baldwin over Sunday.

Don't forget the supper at the church parlors next Friday evening, Feb. 19th, given by the Ladies' Aid Society.

Miss Ida Belle Larrow and Charles Bernard Chase were married at the parsonage by Rev. Donald Fraser, Feb. 10th. Miss Larrow is a graduate of our high school class of 1910, and has been employed by the Adams Paper Co., for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Chase will make their home here in the spring.

Little Jennie Brock is suffering a severe attack of the grip.

In order to defray the June expenses the senior class of our high school have arranged for a concert by the trio from the Ithaca Conservatory of Music. Don't miss this entertainment. Time: Monday evening, Feb. 22. Place: The Village Hall.

Miss Amelia Jahn entertained the Thimble Club Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Munsell.

The Ladies' Society of B. of L. F. and E. gave Mrs. Mattie Currier a surprise party at her home last Friday evening, it being Mrs. Currier's birthday.

The Study Club met with Miss Baldwin Monday evening.

GREENSBORO

Annual Meeting of the Cow-Testing Association—Will Have 500 Cows.

(George A. Porter, Correspondent.) The annual meeting of the cow-testing association for this vicinity was held at Grange Hall Saturday forenoon. The report of the year 1913-14 was given also for the first seven months of the present business year. The following directors were elected for the ensuing year, Miss Alice Bronson, E. A. Ritchie, Frank Eastman, David Spier and C. E. Cook. Four hundred and sixty-three cows were pledged for the coming year and it is expected enough more will

be secured to bring the number up to 500.

The ladies of the Congregational Society will give a Colonial entertainment at the church parlors Thursday evening, Feb. 18th. They will also serve supper of the olden days in the dining rooms from 7 o'clock until all are served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Barrington were in Cabot Sunday to see Mrs. Barr, who has just returned from the hospital.

The break in the water main was repaired Friday and now we hope to have more water in the pipes and less in the street.

The last entertainment of the lecture course was given Tuesday evening, Feb. 9th and was well attended. C. H. Root of Craftsbury addressed Miss Morgan's class of boys Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Young and son Bruce started for Florida Thursday evening, expecting to be gone about a month. Mr. and Mrs. Cate are taking care of Mr. Young's farm during his absence.

Rev. Mr. Gordon of Craftsbury preached at the Congregational church Sunday.

Mr. Achenbach went to New York last week and will visit his old home in Pennsylvania and a sister in Baltimore and expects to go to California about the first of March.

Arthur Clary of Lyndonville is spending a few days in town with his cousin, Will Clary, and is calling upon old friends.

Miss Mary Wilson of Craftsbury visited her brother, J. D. Wilson the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller were in Burlington over Sunday to see Mr. Miller's sister, Mrs. Mary King, who is in the Mary Fletcher hospital for treatment.

At the regular meeting of Caspian Lake Grange Thursday evening eight new members were given the third and fourth degrees by the ladies degree team. Fifty-six members were present and 23 visitors from East Hardwick.

First at Madison Square Garden.

Harry B. Daniels is receiving high praise over the winning of his champion American Dominique Cockerel. In a class of 14 he won the blue ribbon, score 95, also cash special, color and shape special given by the Dominican Club. Mr. Daniels also received last week from the Lebanon, N. H., Poultry Association the beautiful silver berry bowl given for the best Brahma exhibit.



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